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the old motto you had when my State had its misfortune in the racial crisis in 1957 and Atlanta called itself “the city that was too busy to hate.”

That is what you have to do as a citizen of the United States: Support the Members of the Congress that are up there trying to get something done. Support the idea that we can reduce the deficit and increase investment and create jobs. Support the idea that gridlock is not good for anybody except people who like to hear the gears squeal. Support the idea that we have to change in order to renew the American dream.

We are moving in the right direction. Last night was an exhilarating first step. But believe me, you can ask any Member of the United States Congress, they did not count that a victory for themselves last night: It was a victory

for you. They know that they will do only what they believe you want them to do. The people of this country are back in the driver’s seat; it’s time to put your foot on the accelerator and stay in the middle of the road.

Thank you, and God bless you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:02 p.m. at the Apparel Mart. In his remarks, he referred to Virgil R. Williams, president and chief executive officer, Williams Communications, Inc.; John Portman, chairman, Portman Companies; Sam Williams, president, Atlanta Market Center; Peg Canter, general manager, Apparel Mart; Doug Miller, general manager, Atlanta Market Center Trade Shows; Zell Miller, Governor of Georgia; Andrew Young, chief executive officer, Law International, and former Mayor of Atlanta; and Max Cleland, Georgia Secretary of State.

Nomination for Posts at the Departments of Veterans Affairs, State, and Housing and Urban Development

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The President announced today his choices for four senior positions at the Departments of Veterans Affairs, State, and Housing and Urban Development. He expressed his intention to nominate the following:

Jerry Bowen, Director, National Cemetery System, Department of Veterans Affairs

Mark Catlett, Assistant Secretary for Finance and Information Resources Management, Department of Veterans Affairs

Daniel Tarullo, Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State

Susan Gaffney, Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development

“I am very pleased with the pace of the nominations that we have been making,” said the President. “This week alone, I have named more than 30 people to fill important positions in the day-to-day operations of the Federal Government,” he added.

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

The President’s Radio Address

March 20, 1993

Good morning. Today I want to give you a progress report on our plans to get the country moving again. With the support of so many Americans, including many of you listening today, we won an important victory on Capitol Hill this week. The House of Representatives

approved the economic package and with it an immediate crucial investment program to create jobs that will be like a booster rocket for our economy.

It was a week that reaffirmed why I came to Washington: to deliver the kind of change